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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RICOH COMPANY, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

AEROFLEX INCORPORATED, et al.,

Defendants

CASE NO. CV-03-4669-MJJ (EMC)
 CASE NO. CV-03-2289-MJJ (EMC)

**DECLARATION OF KENNETH BROTHERS
 IN SUPPORT OF RICOH'S RULE 6-3
 MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME
 REGARDING THE MOTION FOR RULE 11
 SANCTIONS**

SYNOPSYS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICOH COMPANY, LTD.,

Defendant.

Kenneth W. Brothers declares as follows:

1. My name is Kenneth W. Brothers, an attorney with the law firm of Dickstein Shapiro LLP, counsel for Ricoh Company Limited. I am over the age of 21 and am competent to make this declaration.

2. Requiring Ricoh to provide a detailed opposition to a motion for sanctions, and requiring the Court to review the papers, and requiring the parties and the Court to prepare for and argue the motion in late October, will be a substantial burden on and distraction Ricoh and its counsel as we prepare for hearings on the pending summary judgment motions, prepare for and engage in settlement negotiations with Judge Spero, engage in the exchange of information leading up to the pretrial order, and prepare for the November trial. As set forth in the June 13, 2006 Stipulation And Order Conforming Certain Dates To Existing Second Amended Pretrial Schedule, the following case-related events are scheduled in September and October:

Summary Judgment Hearing	9/26/06
Mutual exchange of proposed jury instructions; deposition designations in electronic form; draft pre-trial statement.	10/2/2006
Mutual exchange of counter deposition designations in electronic form.	10/11/2006
Mutual exchange of objections to jury instructions; and objections to deposition designations and counter-designations in electronic form.	10/16/2006
Mutual exchange of proposed preliminary statements / instructions and proposed separate jury instructions; witness lists, exhibit lists	10/18/2006
Meet and confer regarding jury instructions; pretrial statement; and deposition designations.	10/20/2006
File Pre-Trial Statement, including witness lists, exhibit lists, and deposition designations; File Joint Set of Agreed Proposed Jury Instructions.	10/25/2006
Mutual exchange of objections to witness lists, exhibit lists, and separate jury instructions. File motions in limine.	10/25/2006
Meet and Confer regarding proposed trial exhibits and other evidence, separate jury instructions, proposed preliminary instructions	10/27/2006
Settlement Conference with Judge Spero	10/30/2006
File List of Exhibits and Deposition Designations w/ Stipulations And Objections to Evidence; Proposed Voir Dire and Verdict Forms; Objections to Proposed Separate Jury Instructions	10/30/2006

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1 3. In addition to these deadlines, Ricoh and its counsel have a number of pretrial-related
2 meetings and events that will be substantially affected by having to respond to the sanctions motion.
3 Requiring Ricoh to respond to the sanctions motion will cause substantial harm and prejudice to Ricoh
4 and its counsel in meeting these dates. For example, we would be obligated to cancel several meetings
5 that are scheduled in September and October and instead focus on responding to the sanctions motion.

6 4. Rule 11 requires an additional and entirely separate inquiry into the reasonableness of the
7 advocated position. Not only will such an inquiry pry into the motivations of Ricoh and its trial counsel,
8 but because the sanctions motion is based upon the reasonableness of the opinions of Ricoh's
9 infringement experts, and the reasonableness of Ricoh and its counsel in relying upon the opinions of its
10 experts, requiring Ricoh to provide a substantive response at this time would be highly intrusive and
11 disruptive, especially with all of the activities taking place in the two months before trial, and would
12 potentially delve into attorney work product and attorney-client communications.

13 5. On August 24, 2006, I had a telephone conversation with Ethan Andelman, an attorney at
14 Howrey, with respect to Defendants' proposed Rule 11 motion. During that conversation, Mr. Andelman
15 agreed that if the Court Jenkins denied Defendants' RTL motion, there would be no basis for the Rule
16 11 motion. I also pointed out that if the Court granted Defendants' RTL motion, then the test for the
17 sanctions motion would be whether Ricoh had a fair basis to proceed with its case. I also said that, in that
18 event, Defendants likely would want to revise the sanctions motion based upon the Court's language,
19 and he agreed that in that event the parties would need to consider the Court's ruling. I proposed that
20 the sanctions motion be tabled until after the Court ruled on the summary judgment motions. Mr.
21 Andelman said that he would discuss with Denise DeMory, the partner responsible for the day-to-day
22 management of the case for Defendants, and one of them would get back to me.

23 6. Later that same evening, Ms. De Mory called me, and we discussed the same matters that
24 had been discussed with Mr. Andelman. Like Mr. Andelman, Ms. De Mory agreed that if the Court
25 denied Defendants' RTL motion, there would be no basis for the Rule 11 motion. Ms. De Mory said
26 that "it did not matter to her" when Ricoh filed a response, since the Court would not be considering the
27 issue during the summary judgment hearing. Ms. De Mory said that she would "take under advisement"
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1 Ricoh's proposal that the sanctions motion be tabled until after the Court ruled on the summary
2 judgment motions. I understood that Ms. De Mory would have further discussions with Ricoh's counsel
3 before filing the sanctions motion.

4 7. Defendants filed the sanctions motion at 11:18 p.m. on September 12, 2006. Neither Ms.
5 De Mory nor any other Howrey attorney had any communication with me or any other Ricoh attorney
6 about the proposed sanctions motion between the above-referenced conversations and the filing of the
7 sanctions motion. On September 13, I sent Ms. De Mory an email requesting that Defendants agree to a
8 stipulated order (1) deferring a substantive response to the sanctions motion until after the Court rules on
9 the RTL motion; (2) if the Court denies the RTL motion, then the sanctions motion shall be deemed to
10 be withdrawn; and (3) if the Court grants the RTL motion, then Ricoh would respond. Ms. De More
11 refused, stating "[w]e will not agree to your request to change the briefing schedule." Attached as
12 Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of this email exchange.

13 8. In the declaratory judgment action, the parties stipulated to an extension of time for
14 Ricoh to respond to Synopsys' complaint. On February 18, 2004, Ricoh sought, but did not obtain, an
15 extension of time to respond to Defendants' Rule 12(c) Motion to Dismiss Pending Ricoh's Motion to
16 Amend Complaint, although the Court granted the motion to amend. Discovery deadlines in this case
17 were extended pursuant to the parties' stipulation and the Court's November 22, 2005 order thereon.
18 Pursuant to the November 22 order, the cutoff for fact discovery was extended from January 27, 2006 to
19 May 30, 2006. This Court also extended Ricoh's 30(b)(6) deposition deadlines for discovery on those
20 new products ordered to be disclosed by the May 8, 2006 Order. Pursuant to Defendants' motion of
21 May 30, 2006, and subsequent proceedings, the Court informally permitted limited third fact discovery
22 after the May 30, 2006 fact discovery cutoff. On June 13, 2006, this Court entered a stipulation and
23 order conforming certain dates to the November 22, 2005 order. No other modifications to the
24 discovery schedule have occurred. The requested extension of time will not affect any other deadlines
25 in this case, or otherwise alter the trial schedule.

26 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
27 foregoing is true and correct. Signed at Washington, D.C. on September 14, 2006.

28 /s/ Kenneth W. Brothers

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FOR RULE 11 SANCTIONS

Brothers, Kenneth

From: DeMory, Denise [demoryd@Howrey.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 8:54 PM
To: Brothers, Kenneth
Cc: Fink, Jacky; Andelman, Ethan
Subject: RE: Motion for sanctions schedule

Ken:

We did discuss your request to change the briefing schedule and I said I would take your request under advisement. We do not believe that an extension of time is necessary given that you have already had the brief for over three weeks, and have also responded in part to it via your summary judgment motion. Thus, we do not agree with your assertions of burden. Also, we did not reach agreement on anything, and thus, I dispute any characterizations in your e-mail to the contrary. Do not make such representations to the Court without indicating that we do not agree that we reached any agreement. Instead, at best, I engaged in a meet and confer in good faith, but ultimately decided we did not agree with your position, as evidenced by our decision to file the motion. We will not agree to your request to change the briefing schedule. If you wish to seek a change in the briefing schedule, we trust you will follow the requirements of Civil Local Rule 6-3.

Regards,

Denise De Mory

From: Brothers, Kenneth [mailto:BrothersK@dicksteinshapiro.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 11:24 AM
To: DeMory, Denise
Cc: Fink, Jacky; Andelman, Ethan
Subject: Motion for sanctions schedule

Denise:

I was disappointed that you filed the motion for sanctions without first completing our discussion of the matter. Setting aside the merits of the motion (on which we obviously disagree), when we last discussed it, I had proposed that you defer filing the motion until after the Court ruled on the RTL summary judgment motion, since both you and Ethan agreed with me that if the Court denies your RTL motion, the sanctions motion is moot. You and I also discussed the possibility of an agreed-upon briefing schedule, since you had said that it made no difference to you of when our response would be filed, since it would not be part of the summary judgment arguments. I had understood that you were taking these discussions under advisement and would further discuss it with me before making a decision to file.

As we discussed, Ricoh believes that there is no reason to respond substantively to the sanctions motion until after the Court rules on the RTL summary judgment motion. In addition to the fact that the sanctions motion is moot if the Court denies the RTL motion, you and I had agreed that if the Court granted the RTL motion, the basis for sanctions motion likely would be affected by the Court's ruling, and you might want to file a supplemental brief. Please advise by close of business today whether you are willing to agree to a stipulated order (1) deferring a substantive response to the sanctions motion until after the Court rules on the RTL motion; (2) if the Court denies the RTL motion, then the sanctions motion shall be deemed to be withdrawn; (3) if the Court grants the RTL motion, then Ricoh shall respond to the sanctions motion within 20 days. If so, I will prepare a draft. If not, I will

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prepare an ex parte motion.

Regards,

Ken Brothers

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